

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN – DECEMBER 12, 2011**

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### **I. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Chairman Brian Major called the Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:18 P.M. in the Selectmen's Conference Room at the Town Offices. Present were: Chairman Major – Y and Selectmen Ted Teichert – Y, Paul Salafia – Y and Mary Lyman – Y. Selectman Alex Vispoli arrived after the meeting opened. Also present: Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski and Town Clerk Larry Murphy. The meeting was duly posted and cable-cast live.

### **II. Opening Ceremonies**

#### **A. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Major asked for a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **III. Communications/Announcements/Liaison Reports**

The Town Manager made the following announcements:

~Thank you to Town Clerk Larry Murphy, Town Moderator Sheila Doherty, Police Chief Brian Pattullo, Fire Chief Michael Mansfield and their staff for the remarkable organization and coordination efforts to accommodate all of the residents that attended the Special Town Meeting – their joint efforts were much appreciated.

~The Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup> (if needed).

~The Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting closes on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Town Clerk Larry Murphy now if you have an article to place on the warrant.

~The Town is going to the bond market tomorrow for refinancing of obligation bonds and anticipation notes. They expect to see record-setting interest rates that could save the Town \$1M over the next ten years. Collector/Treasurer David Reilly will attend the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting for approval votes of the BANS.

~Standard and Poor's has reaffirmed the Town's Triple A rating which is good news. Congratulations to Finance Director Donna Walsh and her team in the Finance Department.

~The Town Yard Task Force will present an update to the Board at the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Also, a report on the Management and Organization Study of the Public Works and Plant and Facilities Departments will be available online with a presentation to be scheduled.

~Upcoming meetings include: Tri-Board Meeting – January 4, 2012 and Board of Selectmen's Meetings on January 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Town Clerk Larry Murphy asked that anyone presenting a private warrant article to contact his office. Nomination papers for the Town Election are available and a workshop on how to run for office, sponsored by the League of Women Voters in conjunction with the North Andover and Andover Town Clerk's Offices, is scheduled for January 18<sup>th</sup> in North Andover.

Selectman Vispoli recognized the presenters and the excellent job they did at the recent briefing on the Town Yard Task Force sponsored by the League of Women Voters at the Memorial Hall Library.

Selectman Vispoli also commented on the walk through the Franciscan Center property on Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> that he and Paul Salafia attended. The walk provided a unique opportunity to get a sense of the resources of the property. Selectman Salafia said the 70-acre parcel is a magnificent piece of property and an asset for the Town. Many people will be working together to develop the right plan for the area.

#### **IV. Citizens Petitions and Presentations**

Mary Carbone, 3 Cyr Circle, questioned the change of the original discussion for the Franciscan Center property to be used for elderly housing. Selectman Vispoli said the original mission changed when the developer pulled out, the Town is being proactive and having fluid discussions on possible use.

John Pasquale, 47B Whittier Street, did not feel there was an emergency preparation plan in place to handle the over-crowding at the Special Town Meeting.

#### **V. Public Hearings**

##### **A. FY-2012 Tax Classification – Continued Public Hearing**

The Board asked Chief Assessor David Billard to review what the equilibrium factors would be for Residential and Commercial properties. Mr. Billard explained that the 147 factor offers the most uniform classification with equal impact for both Residential and Commercial properties. .

Chairman Major closed the public hearing.

Selectman Lyman motioned to set the tax classification factor at 1.47 for residents and businesses for FY-2012. The motion was seconded by Selectman Teichert, and voted 5-0 to approve.

On a motion by Selectman Lyman with a second by Selectman Teichert, it was voted 5-0 to set the discount factor for all land identified as open space at zero percent for FY-2012.

On a motion by Selectman Lyman with a second by Selectman Teichert, it was voted 5-0 to set the residential exemption factor at zero percent for FY-2012.

On a motion by Selectman Lyman with a second by Selectman Teichert, it was voted 5-0 to set the small commercial exemption factor at zero percent for FY-2012.

##### **B. Storage of Inflammable License**

###### **1. The Pike School**

On a motion by Selectman Teichert with a second by Selectman Salafia it was voted 5-0 to approve the following petition presented by The Pike School, Inc., 34 Sunset Rock Road, Andover, to keep and store inflammable products at 34 Sunset Rock Road, Andover, in the following amounts: A total of 3,200 gallons of propane – Above ground: 200 gallons stored in two 100 gallon tanks and Below ground: 3,000 gallons stored in three 1,000 gallon tanks.

The petition has been reviewed and approved by the Fire Prevention Officer and the Town Clerk subject to the condition that all other requirements of the Town are met prior to the issuance of the license.

###### **2. Avalon Bay Communities**

On a motion by Selectman Vispoli with a second by Selectman Lyman, the Board unanimously voted continue the hearing to the December 21<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting at approximately 8:00 P.M. to discuss the request by Avalon Bay Communities, Inc., 51 Sleeper Street, Suite 750, Boston, MA, to keep and store inflammable products at 460 River Road, Andover, in the following amounts: A total of 5,000 gallons of propane to be stored above ground in five 1,000 gallon tanks. The tanks will be protected by Jersey barriers.

#### **VI. Consent Agenda**

##### **Appointments and Re-Appointments**

On a motion by Selectman Vispoli with a second by Selectman Salafia, it was unanimously voted to approve the following appointments recommended by the Town Manager and as printed in the agenda:

DEPARTMENT	POSITION	RATE	EFF. DATE
<u>FIRE RESCUE</u>			
Ryan T. Beal	Lieutenant (v. R. Dalton)	G-744-1-3/\$80,695	12/10/11
<u>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT &amp; PLANNING DEPT. – Building Division</u>			
Brian Leathe	Substitute Local Building Inspector		12/13/11

**VII. Adjournment**

At 7:18 P.M. on a motion by Selectman Vispoli with a second by Selectman Salafia, it was unanimously voted to adjourn from the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2011 and move to the Tri-Board Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee DeLorenzo, Recorder

Documents: Public Hearing Notice from Town Clerk's Office